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BREAKING NEW GROUNDS--Last month, ground was broken by Becky Rogers, Bob Rogers, Lou Rogers and Randy Rogers for the Rogers Student Center. The new Center, located on Lake Street, will be completed in the fall of 1989.

Center construction begins

Work has begun on the Rogers Student Center. Earth-moving equipment is beginning the foundation for the building.

In a groundbreaking ceremony last month, TJC President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins said, "The Center is intended to become the heart of the college."

"The location is ideal to achieve this goal in that it is central to all campus elements. The site is also the highest part of the campus, which will afford opportunity for viewing the Tyler skyline and will help make the building symbolic of Tyler Junior College's continuing regard for student development and welfare," Hawkins said.

The new Student Center, to be located on Lake Street behind Vaughn Conservatory, is named in honor of Bob and Lou Rogers.

They donated \$900,000 toward the project in October, 1985.

The Rogerses also requested that part of their donation fund a Rogers Endowment for Excellence. This Endowment finances the Student Enrichment Series, which sponsored programs this year by Charles Nesson, Conrad Pomerleau and Eugene "Mercury" Morris.

"The Center will house the College's bookstore and student post office, food services, offices for student housing and student activities, counseling and testing, as well as health services," Hawkins said.

According to plans, the building will include 5,000 square feet for the counseling center, 4,500 square feet for the bookstore and snack bar,

6,500 square feet for a multi-purpose room which will seat 800 persons and a dining hall which will seat 304.

Dr. Jim Vaughn, Board of Trustees president, who welcomed guests at the groundbreaking, related the history of TJC's Student Center.

Vaughn said in 1948 a World War II building from Camp Fannin was moved to the campus and converted into a Student Center. Although the building has served well, it has been inadequate in meeting the needs of the college for several years.

Hawkins then introduced special guests including the Rogers family, TJC Trustees: Earl Andrews, Dr. Eugene Allen, A.D. Clark, Harry Loftis and Dr. Edward Potter; State Representative David Hudson and members of the Student Center advisory committee.

"The location is ideal to achieve this goal in that it is central to all campus."

Dr. Raymond Van Cleef, vice president for educational and student services, chaired the committee which helped develop educational specifications for the building.

Other committee members are: History Instructor Linda Cross, Student Affairs Director Bill Crowe, Auxiliary Services Director Rick Hotman, Instructional Administration Dean Jerry Leard, Counseling Director Frankie Muffoletto, Drafting Instructor Bryan Ralph, Spanish

Instructor John Hays and former Student Senate President Mike Gaylor.

Tyler Mayor J.R. Montgomery, Jim Hardy, executive vice president for the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Architect Shirley Simons and Joe Denson, project manager for Denson Construction Company spoke at the ceremony.

"We at the Chamber share your pride in this beautiful campus and we thank you for allowing us an opportunity to take part in this very special occasion," Hardy said.

Hardy also said that TJC and Tyler have a partnership. While the College benefits from the resources of the city, the community benefits from the wide range of educational, cultural and recreational services that the College provides.

Simons said that his firm, Simons and Clark, wanted the project for many reasons, citing the widely varied departments and functions and the fact that "the building will be used by a wider segment of students, staff and the public than any other building on campus."

Simons also said the taxpayers will get a bargain on the 82,000 square foot building, since it will cost only \$69 per square foot.

The ceremony then moved to the area behind the conservatory for a picture-taking session of the first shovels of dirt turned over by the Rogerses and TJC trustees.

Construction began in December. Physical Plant Director Bill Parker estimates the building will be complete by fall 1989, "depending on the weather."

Parking lot takes shape

Students plagued by the hassle of finding a parking place may be delighted to know the 407-space tiered parking area on Devine Street is scheduled to open March 1.

Drivers will enter and leave from Devine or Mahon, but the lot will have no outlet on Lake Street.

"The parking area replaces the practice field used (by Apache Band, Belles and football teams) since 1946 and four tennis courts. The tennis courts will not be replaced, but lights are being installed on the present courts," said Physical Plant Director Bill Parker.

The front of the parking lot will be landscaped as will some sidewalks.

The parking area will be lighted.

"I am well pleased with work this week. Just tell it not to rain. If it rains, we won't make it," Parker said.

Engineers with Brannon Corporation drew plans for the lot.

Reynolds Land Inc., a Tyler-based company, has the contract for constructing the parking area.

The project will cost \$184,700, Parker said.

Since he joined the TJC staff in 1979, Parker said, six new buildings have been added.

Of the 55 acres on campus, only 15 remain either unoccupied or sparsely so. With this in mind, tiered parking may be in the future.

Parker laughingly said, "There is little space left except up."

Friday last day to submit entries to Touchstone

Friday is the last day to submit entries for the 1988 edition of the Touchstone magazine.

The magazine theme is "Dream and Nightmares." All entries should fit this theme, said Sponsor Gloria Peggram.

Entering work in Touchstone can be a good way to earn recognition for your creative work, she said.

The entry categories are: photography, art and literature. Guidelines for submissions may be obtained in the Humanities Office in Jenkins 104.

Students are also needed to be coordinators, critic readers, editors and typists. Those in-

terested in these positions should apply to Peggram in Jenkins 226 or in the Touchstone Office in Potter Hall.

Under guidance of Student Publications Director Linda Zeigler, sophomore journalism students will design, layout and edit the magazine as part of their class work.

Each entry will be judged anonymously by a student panel. To insure fair judging, a number will be assigned to each entry when brought in. Those whose entries are chosen for the magazine will be contacted, Peggram said.

Noamie Byrum is also a Touchstone sponsor.

Registration total up

The numbers for spring registration are in and the total, 7,194, is up 198 from last spring's total.

Students registering in regular registration accounted for 7,103.

Ninety-one students are in a flexible registration situation, Registrar Bob-

by Cullins said. Even with this deviation, the numbers are still up by

198 from last year, he said.

Full-time students account for

3,416 while part-time students total 3,687.

Women outnumber men slightly, with 3,052 males and 4,051 females enrolled.

"It is a larger increase than we had anticipated for a spring semester," said Cullins.

Part of the increase is attributed to high school seniors taking basic courses in Lindale, Mineola and Quitman, he added.

Supreme Court ruling denies student rights

Through the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution the American people are guaranteed freedom of religion, speech, press, petition and assembly. In a Supreme Court ruling earlier this month, Hazelwood, Mo., high school journalism students and student journalists across the country were denied their freedom of speech and press. The ruling forces students to shed their rights as they enter school doors. It's as though they are not considered full citizens by taking away this freedom.

This ruling will have a far reaching, negative effect on all student publications, for this is only the tip of the iceberg. If high school journalism students are denied their freedom of expression, a great chance exists that attempts will be made to censor on the college level. This especially true when the college publication or presentation (plays are included) is part of the educational process.

The First Amendment is broad and general in distributing freedoms; the Supreme Court has the right to interpret the Constitution in specific situations.

The 5-3 ruling, according to Justice Byron R. White, will call for judicial intervention "only when the decision to censor a school-sponsored publication, theatrical production or other vehicle of student expression has no valid educational purpose."

School administrators may be right to worry about being sued by parents or students, but it is wrong to take away a vital learning process such as writing and reporting.

The two articles removed by the principal from Hazelwood East High's school newspaper, the Spectrum, were about teenage pregnancy and divorce's effects on children.

These two issues along with many others are worthwhile to read about. Sometimes the only outside information a student may have is a campus newspaper. It might help someone to deal with these real problems. Not printing them does not make the problems go away.

Reporters are to bring truth and facts to their audience. They should have training in such issues as libel and must learn right from wrong. Censorship hurts the audience who may not get information they need or want, as well as the student's chance to learn. Now we are to have Big Brother (a.k.a. Supreme Court, school boards and administrators) looking over beginners' shoulders.

The Supreme Court is not justified in telling high school journalism students they must be censored. It takes away the important, early experience of reporting, shelters and limits ideas and violates the First Amendment. Nowhere in the Constitution is government given the power to deny this right to one specific group such as high school students.

This ruling strangles and restrains all media indirectly. It puts journalism education as a whole in jeopardy. The real reporting world, for which students are preparing, operates in freedom. Students are disadvantaged by having to work under less than real circumstances.

Let's face it. Issues such as divorce and teenage pregnancy are social issues that cannot be avoided. We learn to live and grow through such writing and reading about real issues.

Perhaps now the First Amendment freedoms will become the exception instead of the rule. Maybe we are entering George Orwell's 1984 four years late. For now, exercise your First Amendment rights until Big Brother decides to exclude your group from those freedoms.

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE NEWS

The Tyler Junior College News, campus newspaper of Tyler Junior College, is published by journalism students weekly, except during examinations and holidays. Opinions expressed in the News are not necessarily those of the staff, adviser or administration.

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Drunk driving costs billions in money, thousands in lives

By KATHY TURNER
staff writer

"When I was 17 and about to graduate from high school, I killed a girl," said a man who was once a drunk driver.

This killing did not take place with a gun; it was the result of drinking and driving.

"I was leaving a party where I'd been drinking. I thought I was 'okay' enough to drive. I misjudged an intersection and ran head on into the girl's car," he said.

Drunk drivers are a major safety problem. Of the 157 million drivers, 110 million are also drinkers, said DPS Trooper David Blake.

This killing did not take place with a gun; it was the result of drinking and driving.

Each year drinking and driving result in one million arrests, 650,000 people seriously injured, billions in insurance, hospital and other costs and about 23,000 deaths according to information from the National Safety Council.

Alcohol, because it affects the central nervous system, leads to loss of concentration, visual problems and poor judgment while driving, NSC facts state.

In Texas .10 blood alcohol content (BAC) is considered intoxicated. When drivers are stopped, often because of erratic driving, they are requested to take a field sobriety test. It consists of walking a straight line and touching the tip of the nose, Blake said.

"If a driver is determined to have a .10 BAC, they face driving while intoxicated (DWI) charges which may include: large fines, jail terms and suspension or loss of drivers' license. Higher insurance premiums and an

alcohol education course may also be included in the penalties, Blake said.

"I thought I couldn't get too drunk to drive from just drinking beer and wine coolers. I figured it took harder liquors to do that," said the man who killed the girl.

According to the NSC, a regular 12 ounce beer containing four percent alcohol gives a .02 BAC per drink. Drinking five beers will produce a legal intoxication level.

"If I had it to do over again, I wouldn't have had as much as I did or I would have let someone take me home. There would be one more person alive today if I had," he said.

"If you observe someone driving erratically, call a local law enforcement office and report them," Blake said.

Cold showers, fresh air, exercise, black coffee and the other famous remedies fail to sober-up a person. For example, if a 140 pound person has a .10 BAC, it would take more than six hours to be completely sober, according to the NSC.

I thought I couldn't get too drunk to drive...drinking beer and wine coolers.

If people are going to drive, they shouldn't drink, Blake said. If people intend to drink, they should eat first, drink slowly, know their limit and stop in time to give their bodies time to reduce BAC level before driving. If you are too impaired to drive, ask to be driven home, Blake said.

"You would not only be saving money by not drinking and then driving, but you could save a life," Blake said.

Student protests access denial

Dear Editor:

I believe in and support the bulletin board policy on campus which is that "the bulletin boards are for school activities" and also see the need for and agree with the school's decision to maintain editorial review of the material to be posted thereon. I believe this same discretion takes place daily in thousands of newsrooms across this land, effectively. I further believe there are such commodities as literary class and literary garbage, with a great middle ground, and somebody has the responsibility and ability to so decide.

But honest mistakes and differences will occur among members of any pluralistic group, such as at TJC, and one solution is to try to talk about the circumstances.

During the first week of the current semester, I asked for the school's permission to display a poster on the boards, copy included for your inspection. Obviously, it is a notice about a pro-life group activity in Tyler, of which I am a member.

Permission to use the boards was denied on the grounds that "bulletin boards are for school activities", which I of course obeyed.

I will continue to support the school policy, in the future, because I have lived and suffered long enough in society to understand why we must have and obey rules.

But it is my hope that you can understand and agree with me that after reviewing the poster, it is difficult to see how my poster is any less a "school activity" than many of the other activities as represented by posters and notices in the past. This is the end of my second year at TJC, and the end of eight cumulative col-

lege years since starting in 1953.

Without laboring through all the lawyering involved, glance through some of your 1986-87 TJC News editions and mentally note some of the notices about some of the "enrichment" efforts conducted on campus. I attended and enjoyed many of these; I remember Mr. and Mrs. Colby's presentation, for example. I agree that these efforts were all "school activities" and certainly worthy, and hope they continue.

My only question after all this is simply, "Do you, and the student body as a whole, consider that my poster, for a pro-life group activity, is any less a 'school activity'?"

Finally, in denying my petition to use the boards, should the response have been "Hey, we don't like your politics and/or you personally, keep off our boards," that would have sufficed. That kind of response I can believe in, honest rejection has long since quit bothering me. It's the other kind that does bother me, the no-class rejection without credible reasoning that makes me wish there were still covered wagons and frontier someplace.

Whichever way,

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Editor's note: Bulletin boards are under the supervision of Student Activities Director Emma Lou Prater. Publication of letters is a forum the TJC News offers and does not indicate approval or disapproval of the contents.

Campus Briefs

Drug course remains open

Students have until Saturday to register for Fundamental Pharmacology, a course in the substance abuse counseling series. The class meets from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays through Feb. 27 at the Powell Building, 402 W. Front St.

Rick Boardman, director of Smith County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and George Pate, director of substance abuse at University Park Hospital, are teaching the class. Both are certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

The course covers the effects of mood-altering substances, current drug patterns and treatment methods. These range from inpatient to partial hospitalization to outpatient services. The course includes information on "new wave" designer drugs.

This course is third in a series of six necessary to qualify students for certification as substance abuse counselors. It is part of the TJC Continuing Education program.

Classes began Saturday. Tuition costs \$70 plus textbooks. Registration is available by calling 597-1536.

Library to display exhibits

Two traveling exhibits are to be shown in Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center this semester, said Library Service Director Johnnye Kennedy.

"Alamo Images" will be on loan from the Texas Humanities Resource Center in Austin from Feb. 29 to March 20. This display celebrates the Alamo, which, according to a leaflet describing the display, is a "a mission, fortress and shrine that has always been at the center of the Texas experience."

"Reach for the Sky: Aviation in Texas" is from the Institute of Texan Cultures in San

Antonio, in collaboration with the DeGolyer Library of Southern Methodist University. It depicts flying history in Texas over the past century, and will be displayed from April 11 to May 6.

Kennedy said the Library receives publicity about the various displays offered by the THRC and the ITC, as well as others. Then the library staff chooses programs they think will interest students.

The Library also tries to provide literature concerning the display, to provide further knowledge about the subject matter.

Disney seeks talent

Disney talent scouts are searching for the best musicians for Disney's All American College Bands and Orchestra. The 1988 audition tour will be in Denton Tuesday at North Texas State University School of Music. Auditions are open and students may walk in from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Walt Disney World All American College Orchestra has 44 openings plus 20 places in each band.

More than 1,000 are expected to try out for the 84 spots, said Bob Radock, manager of the Disney Entertainment Work Experience Program.

Musicians wishing to audition must be at least 18 years old and college students. They must also furnish their own instrument except piano, drum set, tympani and xylophone.

Each participant must play a selection of his own and sightread, as well as bring a resume and photo.

Interns work five days a week, eight hours a day, including a two and one half-hour daily clinic. Furnished housing, local transportation and weekly salary are provided.

For 11 weeks the orchestra performs three shows nightly on the America Gardens stage

in Walt Disney World Epcot Center. The bands play six sets daily in the Magic Kingdom and Disneyland.

"Every summer is different," said Radock. "The camaraderie of the kids is tremendous."

For more information, write Disney Instrumentalists Auditions '88, P.O. Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., 32830-1000, or call 305/345-5710 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (EST).

Annual retreat at Lakeview

The annual All Campus Retreat at Lakeview Conference Center will be the weekend of Feb. 12-14. Students from 13 different colleges and universities will attend this retreat near Palestine.

The All Campus Retreat is always a great experience for the students who go each year, said Wesley Foundation Director the Rev. Harvey Beckendorf.

The All Campus Retreat theme this year is: "World Religions."

You will need to bring sheets, pillow, blanket or sleeping bag, and a flashlight for outdoor evening activities, said Wesley Secretary Joann Smith, as well as towels, soap and personal items. Activities include a dance, bonfire and a party.

You may pick up registration forms at the Wesley Foundation at 1421 S. Baxter beside the campus, Smith said, by the Tuesday deadline. Cost for TJC students' is \$17 which includes room and meals.

Work begins on musical

Choral students are preparing to present the spring musical, "The Music Man," April 10-12.

"The Music Man" is a classical musical comedy by Meredith Willson. Harold Hill, a fast-talking salesman, cons the honest citizens of River City, Iowa, into buying musical instruments by promising to create a boys' band.

Music Coordinator Cheryl Rogers said, "There will be a cast of about 50 people. That includes dancers and singers."

Some of the songs are: "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Goodnight, My Someone" and "Till There Was You."

"The Music Man" received the Tony Award and the Drama Critics' Circle Award. And it is considered to be Americana at its best, Rogers said.

The cast, to be chosen by auditions, will consist primarily of choir members, Rogers said.

7 train as volunteers

Seven TJC students have begun the Youth Volunteer Project Training for the United Way of Tyler. The first two sessions were held late last year. Other training is planned.

Those who attended are: Suzann Holland, Jeff Hutton, Blair Blackburn, Bettie Smith, Tanya Dawkins, Julie Engelking and Kimberly Terry.

Other schools who have students participating are: Robert E. Lee, John Tyler and T.K. Gorman high schools.

President Dr. Raymond Hawkins, TJC said, "The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the new charter members with the way the United Way of Tyler helps Smith County and the businesses in the community."

"The United Way is very excited about its young members. They were chosen on their past experiences in community involvements," Hawkins said.

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Many students find College provides sound beginning

Smaller than most universities, TJC has many of the same opportunities as a four-year college.

Some students find that to be an advantage while others complain, often about the same factor.

Sophomore Alicia Nivens said two advantages are the smaller classrooms and the fact that teachers all know their students.

Yet Sophomore Jeff Foster called the smaller classrooms a disadvantage.

Freshman Shelly Pickle said that the smaller campus is an advantage, because you can get around easier and "you're also able to meet more students."

Sophomore John Knots praised free peer-tutoring offered here.

Journalism major Kristina Linker said she has found you can get more experience in your major because you can start working on it sooner.

Sophomore Suzanne Kelly complained that "a lot of the courses of-

fered here will not transfer and there aren't enough courses to take" towards her major.

Sophomore Kristine Akers said TJC does not offer as many courses as there would be at a bigger college.

Having smaller classes and a smaller campus allows more individual attention.

Freshman Brad Sears criticized the commuting and a lot of people going home every weekend because "there isn't that much social life around the college campus."

Counselor Mary Peddy Beal said, "Some of the advantages are the transition from a high school to a college. Going to a junior college first helps prepare you for a big university and it gives you time to get adjusted to college life compared

to a high school."

Counselors are available to help students decide on a major and to help them get started on it. Also Discovery System in the Counseling Center enables students to select a major, she said.

Having smaller classes and a smaller campus allows more individual attention.

All faculty have office hours to help the students work out their problem areas, Beal said. The faculty is always willing to work out a time to see their students if they will ask for help. This is another big advantage.

One other advantage in going to a two-year college is that students can get the basic academics out of the way, so they can start working towards their majors when they transfer.

"The last advantage of Tyler Junior College is the cost. Tyler Junior College is a lot cheaper than a four-year university," said Beal.

ITV offers new option for TJC students

Learning from television is a relatively new option at TJC, but already an estimated 1,500 have tried it and this semester another 315 are enrolled in three courses, said Instructional Television Coordinator Linda Watkins.

Courses are offered this semester: American Government 223 taught by History Coordinator Ray Bagwell, American History 223 taught by History Instructor Stanley Watson and Sociology 213 taught by Sociology Instructor Joy Watson.

ITV is beneficial to students who "have busy schedules, have small children at home, have hectic work schedules or are good at independent study," Watkins said.

Fees and registration for ITV courses are the same as for regular courses.

Anyone eligible to enroll full or

part-time at TJC can take an instructional television course. Students watch 30-minute lessons on cable television or at Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center.

"The courses are available to watch on Channel 13, but if you don't get Channel 13, there are tapes available to watch in the Library," Watkins said.

Students must also attend one orientation session during the first week of classes and take four exams during the semester.

In addition to the exams, students may attend four voluntary discussion meetings. At these, students may meet with the instructor to ask questions, discuss assignments and review for exams.

"We attribute the success of the program to the interest of our on-campus instructors," Watkins said.

Influx of returning students enrich TJC's class roles

Students attend TJC for many reasons: to prepare for a career, to get away from home, to party, to socialize, to decide on a profession, or because it's the thing to do.

One fast-growing group is comprised of returning students. These people are older and many have families to support. Many are single parents with small children.

Some are returning to college because of the economic depression in East Texas. After experience in the working world, they have returned to college to improve their working skills, change careers or establish a profession.

Tylerite Sue Parker is one. Parker's husband lost his job and they returned to Tyler to start over.

"Although I have 20 years experience as a secretary, the highest paying secretarial job in Tyler is \$1000 a month. I had a choice of taking a job that would add little income to our family, or returning to college to acquire a better paying profession. Either choice meant financial struggle," she said.

"I also wanted a job that would allow me more time with my children so I decided to enter secondary education," Parker said.

Parker enjoys TJC. "The teachers are very sympathetic and understanding. They recognize and appreciate the problems of the older students," she said.

Parker has experienced little empathy from the younger students. "They look at you as though saying, 'Go home and raise your children'," she said.

In talking with other older woman students, Parker has discovered a real need for a sorority for women with children.

"More important than the social aspect, the sorority would provide an atmosphere where we could share ideas and give support to the problems we face," Parker said.

"My primary reason for going back to school was to join the AAUW," Tylerite Fran Hall said. AAUW, the American Association

of University Women, is open only to college graduates. After entering TJC, Hall decided to follow another area of interest.

"I've had a career in the medical field as a X-ray technician and I decided to possibly pursue another career area," she said.

While taking the basic courses, Hall is deciding between a career in business as a CPA or in education as a college English instructor.

She enjoys all areas of college life. "At first the younger students looked at me curiously. It was as though they thought, 'What are you doing here in a student's desk? I thought you were the teacher,'" she said.

"HPE has certainly been an experience. It's not what I expected, because it's very demanding and also has book work. Once, while working weights, I asked my instructor, 'What are the standards for this category of equipment?' Laughing the instructor replied, 'There are no set standards for that category in your age group.' That became a standing joke," Hall said.

James Douglass worked in the oil field until he suffered a permanent physical disability on the job. His income dropped from \$2,000 monthly to \$800, which he received from workman's compensation insurance. His disability means he would never be able to return to his past work, so he had to change professions.

Douglass received vocational testing from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission and started pursuing an untraditional career for men, legal assistant.

"I've always been interested in working with the legal profession ever since I was in the Marines. I never pursued a legal profession because I always had to eat, so I had to work," Douglass said.

Douglass applied twice for financial aid through a Pell Grant. He was first denied because of his past year's income. Although he had surgery three times, Douglass' second request was refused because he had not been injured long enough. His tuition and fees were

paid for by the Hazlewood Act.

This spring Douglass will intern for Judge Houston Abel in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Last fall, Douglass assisted Special Services Counselor Vickie Geisel, serving under the sex bias program. He will graduate this spring, finishing in 16 months instead of the usual two years.

Pat Dunn of Flint has worked at a variety of interesting jobs: stewardess for American Airlines, dental assistant, secretary for a manufacturing company, insurance company and administration assistant to the president of a securities company.

"All my jobs were dead-end situations," Dunn said.

In her years of working, Dunn was searching for a profession with a future and decided to make a second start at TJC. She had previously attended West Virginia University in the mid 60s.

"It was like a combat zone and I came away with a bad connotation," she said.

When Dunn started at TJC, her degree plan was in accounting, but she soon discovered a love for computers. Now her major is computer science with a minor in business.

"It took a while to decide what I'm good at and what I wanted to do," she said.

Dunn has enjoyed TJC's calm atmosphere.

"The younger students are positive and accepting. The teachers are great and willing to work with students," she said.

Joe Paul Hogue of Mineola is an engineer for Union Pacific Railroad. He returned to college because a company program gives employees time off from work.

"I returned to college because of the desire to learn. I also wanted to get a question out of the way. Could I be doing better with a college education?" Hogue said.

Presently, Hogue has no degree plan. He is interested in government, economics and political science. Hogue is also in the real estate-developing business and hopes these subjects will help in his business.

"I was raised with my parents telling me that in order to have a good job you had to

have a college education. After high school I came to TJC because it was the right thing to do. I have a good paying job and I wish I could say I'm coming back to college to be 'something'. College has helped me in my real estate business by giving me confidence," Hogue said.

After being out of school for 15 years, Hogue is having to redevelop study skills. Proud of his high grade average, he said, "It's not how smart you are, but the discipline of studying. I hate finals."

Tylerite Linda Abel said, "I was struck by lightning and I've never been the same. That lightning bolt idea was to change my life and that's exactly what I've done. It's not been easy, but change never is."

After vocational testing, she entered TJC majoring in journalism and communications.

"My major problem in returning to college is financial," Abel said.

"With two young daughters to care for and support, I'm constantly worrying about how we will survive financially. It's hard for my children to understand the suffering now in order for us to have a better future."

"I've enjoyed TJC and have found the younger students very receptive, friendly and resilient. Many work and attend classes. I wish I had their stamina," she said.

"The teachers are very understanding and supportive," Abel said. "English Instructor Carolyn Hendon has encouraged and inspired my writing. Journalism Coordinator Linda Zeigler has made me feel comfortable in brushing off the cobwebs and getting back into the swing of things. Speech-Theater Instructor Clarence Strickland provided words of encouragement when I was down."

Returning students share certain characteristics:

- time is of the essence.
- excessive desire to maintain a high grade average.
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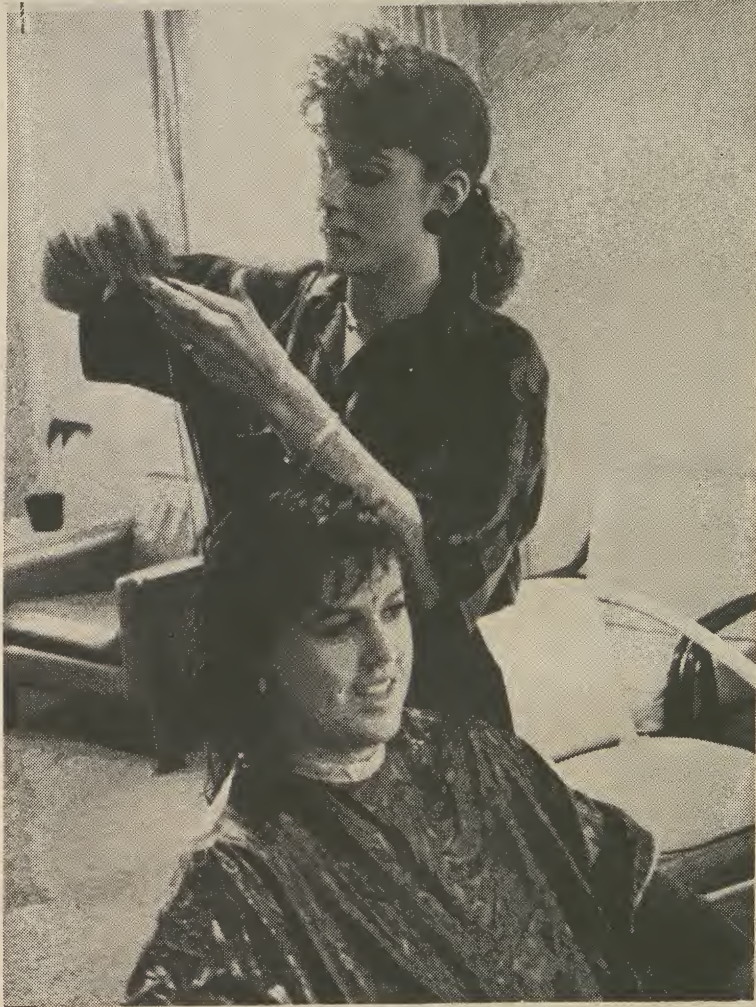


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CUTTING UP IN VAUGHN HALL--Residential life entails more than educational encounters and living under the same roof. Friendships and trust develop in such activities as hair styling. Kendall Crum trims Brandi Harmon's hair in the Vaughn Hall lounge.

Food staff works to deter theft

Food service personnel are working on the problem of students illegally using the campus cafeteria, said Food Services Coordinator Brenda Blankenship. Students without meal plans attempt to eat in the cafeteria by claiming to have lost their ID card, sneaking in the back door and even using other students' meal plan stickers.

Penalties involved in such cases depend on the flagrancy of the offenses. In cases of another student's meal plan sticker being used by a student without a meal plan, both the

meal plan owner and the illegal eater are open to penalty. The student's meal plan can be revoked in such instances, Blankenship said. The person who enters the cafeteria illegally can be fined, and their grades can be held back impending payment, she said.

The Food Service Office is reviewing several possible solutions to the problem, she said. These include laminating the meal plan sticker into the card or creating a separate card to be used only in the cafeteria.

Smith gives guidelines for dorm living

Some students wonder if there are any private dorm rooms. Are students allowed to paint their rooms? Are cooking utensils allowed?

They can stop wondering--here are the answers.

"No student has requested a private room. If a student wants a private room and they can pay the extra cost and space is available, they can have one," said Residential Life Director John Smith.

"Students can paint their rooms, but they do have to fill out a form

saying they will go by the rules. The painting has to be done in a certain way so the physical structure is not damaged, such as color and type of paint," said Smith.

"No cooking utensils are allowed except for coffeepots and popcorn poppers," Smith said.

"Yes, students should be able to have cooking utensils other than coffeemakers and popcorn poppers, if you're going to live on campus all semester. Some dorms have microwaves and others don't," said Freshman Laura Thomas.

Dorm life gives chance to develop responsibility

Living in the residence halls has its ups and downs, says Resident Assistant Theresa Meyers, a sophomore who lives in Vaughn Hall.

"Dorm life is for someone who is willing to abide by the rules because it makes you independent and responsible," she said.

"What we're trying to say here is that anything you do, you will be accountable for; that's the general philosophy," she said.

The eight residences, five women's halls and three men's halls "have specific rules and regulations," said Hall Coordinator Deborah Kidder.

One policy is that males and females are not allowed in each other's rooms; although they may visit in the lounge area from 1 p.m. until midnight. The main reason for this rule is probably to protect other persons' privacy, Kidder said.

"Their parents probably wouldn't think it's a good idea either," she said.

"But the best thing about dorm life is that you're right on campus," said Eaves.

Our job is to enhance the college student's life on campus and to help with the transition between high school and college. We provide awareness programs on such subjects as study skills, stress management and meeting new people, she said.

"Our security system is a good one; we have the keyless lock system; we're closed at midnight and there's always a staff member in the hall," Kidder said.

Some students complain about the cost of living in residence halls. It costs about \$450 per semester for the

"grandfathered" sophomores and \$950 for freshmen because they are required to purchase a meal ticket which is included in the cost.

Only full-time students, those enrolled in at least 12 hours, are allowed to live in residence halls.

Speaking of discipline, Residential Life Director John E. Smith said, "We have several prohibitions against things like alcohol and drugs, but most of our rules are ethical ones that protect the students' rights."

"We have to keep in mind that, unlike an apartment, the halls are relatively small; therefore, few things go unnoticed," he said.

"We want to control the behavior and try to keep things in an academic-type atmosphere," Smith added.

"Conflict is another rare problem we have," he said. In an instance when two students can't get along, we usually try to get them to sit down with their coordinator and make compromises," he said.

If this session fails, one of the students would be moved to another room if a room is available.

"Of the many schools I have attended or have been associated with, we have one of the most complaint-free institutions around," he said.

The problems encountered are usually so small that they are solved by the hall coordinators before they reach Smith, he said.

"The few complaints I hear are usually payment and refund complaints. Some people are not content with our written policies," said Smith.

"Sometimes we do have accidents," said Kidder. Once two girls who were horseplaying ended up with one smashing her fist through a window and severing a main artery.

"Luckily another girl knew how to apply direct pressure and stopped the bleeding until an ambulance arrived," she said.

Freshman Teresa Thomson said, "You can't live comfortably in your room if you don't get along with your suitemate, the person you live with."

Most residents try to act as one big family. "It's quite a cultural exchange," she said.

"Once our hall coordinator smelled something burning. She ran into the kitchen and saw a student pressing another student's hair with a pressing comb and she panicked," she recalled.

"It was so funny! She had never seen that before," chuckled Thompson.

"I don't agree with the meal policy," said freshman Temica Finch.

Freshmen are required to buy a meal ticket. "Suppose we don't like the food?" she asked.

"We have to keep in mind that, unlike an apartment, halls are relatively small; therefore, few things go unnoticed," Smith said.

"It would also be nice if we had more windows and carpets on the floors because they're very cold in the winter," she said.

"The rules here seem pretty strict," said Freshman Chris Eaves, a West Hall resident. "I find that other colleges are more liberal on visitation rules."

"The beds here are less than satisfactory. Mine has a sort of dip in it and I have to sort of sleep around it," said Eaves.

"But, the best thing about dorm life is that you're right on campus and everything is convenient. Overall, dorm life is not bad at all," Eaves concluded.

Cafeteria sells varied meal plans

The TJC cafeteria serves three meals a day for TJC students, but no one is restricted from purchasing a ticket, said Food Services Coordinator Brenda Blankenship.

A five-day plan for three meals a day Monday through Friday costs \$500. A seven-day plan for three meals every day costs \$550. Dormitory residents beginning this year are required to purchase one of these plans.

Dorm residents, commuters and faculty are all eligible to use the cafeteria at any time with unlimited access.

Commuter students or faculty and staff may purchase a commuter ticket. It costs \$35 and it is good for any 10 meals in the cafeteria.

The cafeteria opens at 7 a.m. on the weekdays and serves breakfast in the hot line until 9 a.m. After 9 a.m., continental breakfast is available. One may choose cereal or fruit, Blankenship said.

After 10:30 a.m. the soup and sandwich bar is open for those who may not be able to take time out for lunch. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Only the soup and sandwich bar

is open between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

From 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., the cafeteria serves dinner. Students can either choose from the hot line or the soup and sandwich bar, said Blankenship.

Students who drop out of school can get a partial refund of the meal ticket.

"It depends on how and when they drop," said Blankenship. The cafeteria staff will calculate the refund based on three meals a day costing \$12. The student receives a refund for whatever time is left in the semester.

Hogan directs ICLC

By KRISTI BREWER
staff writer

Computer software packages to help students with reading and math are available in the Instructional Computer Learning Center.

The Center in Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center officially opened last fall. Anyone can use the packages for help in math and reading any time the Library is open.

Mathematics Instructor Martha Hogan directs the Center. "We have only a few software packages right now, but we are hoping we will be getting a lot of packages in the spring," she said.

In addition to the reading and mathematics programs, the Center also has a package to help future teachers study for the Pre-Professional Skills Test.

The "Math Blaster," "Arithmetic Skill Builder" and "Tutorial on Linear Equations" are the math packages.

Reading packages are the "Speed Reader Two" and "Word Attack."

The software packages are all on disks which work on a particular computer. The Center has three different kinds of computers to use.

The math packages should be worked on the IBM PC and Apple II E. The reading packages should be worked on the Commodore 128.

"There are student assistants that are available all the time to help anyone with the computers," Hogan said.

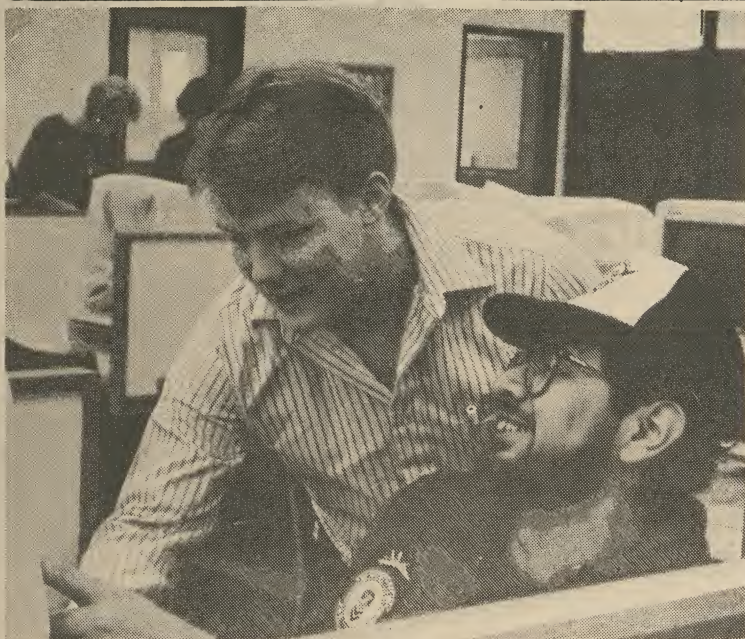


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C, C, AND MORE C!--Not grades, but computer language. Lab assistant Doug DeBord explains to Robert Bernal the computer language, C, which is becoming popular for business application. Jack Stone teaches the class first offered last semester and being taught now.

Computer language C offered this semester

The computer language C is being taught this semester, said Computer Science Instructor Jack Stone.

The programming language, C, is being used more and more by companies in micro and minicomputer environments. Most popular software packages such as database and word processing used on microcomputers are being written in the C language, Stone said.

The course was offered here for the first time last fall.

Stone cited several reasons for C becoming more popular:

- Portability--can be moved from one machine to another easily.
- Assembly features--offers bit manipulation instructions.
- Structuring--encourages modular structured programming.
- User defined functions--can be easily written and used.

Stone, who teaches the C course, said, "I am excited about the C courses because we are offering a state-of-the-art tool for students. The C language is probably the only high level language that has been chosen to be used in writing an operating system."



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LET'S TRY THIS!!--Martha Hogan, computer learning services coordinator, views the IBM info window in the Instructional Computer Learning Center. Resources of the Center are available to both students and faculty.

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Looks deceive with killer crack

By JOE COLEMAN
staff writer

Crack is cracking up young lives. Though not new, it is a serious problem.

"Many of our young people who cannot cope with problems turn to drugs for help. Crack is a serious drug," said Health Services Coordinator Zelda Boucher.

Crack is not a new drug. Actually freebase cocaine, it's different because of the way it is made, pre-packaged for users and much stronger and deadlier than other types of cocaine, she explained.

Crack only looks harmless. It looks like grayish-white slivers of soap, small rocks or little pellets. Some people say it is called crack because it looks like pieces of broken plaster in tenement buildings where the drug is often sold, Boucher said.

Crack appears to be cheap and an easy way to use cocaine. It is usually smoked in water pipes or, sometimes, in cigarettes.

The act of smoking does not seem as unnatural as snorting something up the nose or injecting oneself with a needle, Boucher said. Users seriously fool themselves if they think it is safe.

Some heroin addicts have turned to crack because they fear the spread of AIDS among needle-sharing junkies and because many of their former sources for heroin now sell it. Other addicts have turned to crack because they think it is safer than other methods of freebasing which are highly dangerous.

The crack habit is cheap at the start. The first dose may cost as little as \$5. This makes it appealing to more and more young people. They also like crack's so-called "harmless" appearance and small size. They don't know that those tiny

white chips are a vicious drug and that, eventually, the habit will cost hundreds of dollars a week, Boucher warned.

Crack is sold in smokeable chips or tiny "rocks" of cocaine. Sometimes it is in foil or plastic bags or tiny plastic vials, little bottles with colored stoppers like the kind used for perfume.

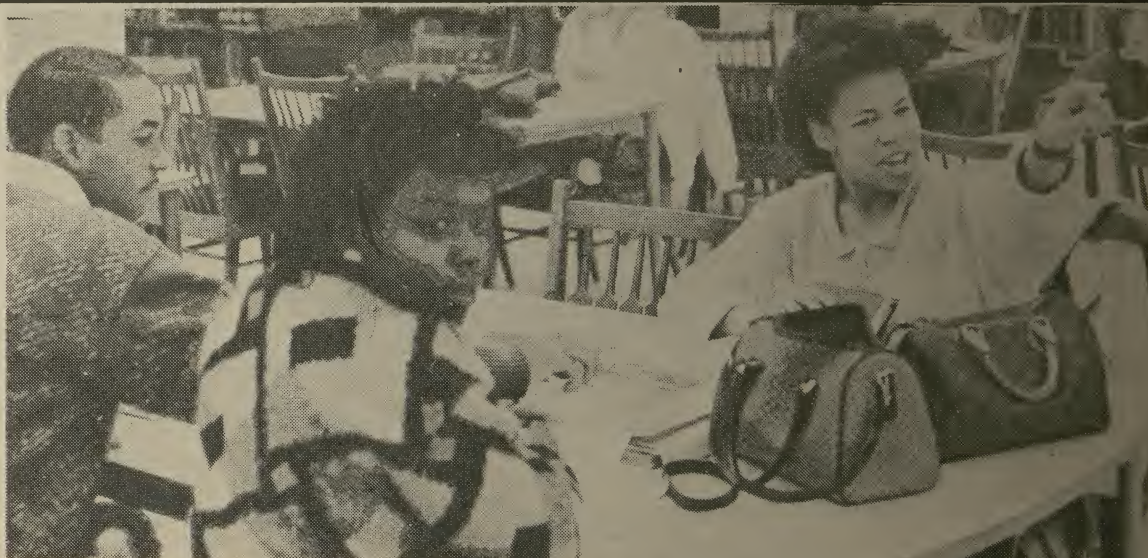
Dealers love crack because they get rich quickly. It is easy to handle and highly addictive. This quality guarantees steady customers. Crack is a dealer's dream. But it is a user's nightmare because it is quickly and highly addictive even after just a few doses.

Crack is a dealer's dream. But a user's nightmare...

Crack affects one physically and psychologically.

The physical effect of using crack can be tragic for younger as well as older users. Crack can cause lung damage, dangerous changes in blood pressure, tremors and convulsions. It can cripple or kill in many ways: suffocation, overdose, heart attacks and strokes.

Also, the drug affects a person psychologically. Crack users report that they see and hear strange things. Some hallucinate and believe bugs are crawling over them. They suffer anxiety and cannot sleep. They say they have memory lapses. They become socially isolated and irritable toward others. Some become violent or express feelings of deep depression and suicide.



HEY, QUIET!!!--Carl George, Patricia Wallace and Cori Stimpson make the scene while studying in Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center.

The Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Crawford chooses student cast for Shakespeare's 'Tempest'

Speech/Theater Coordinator David Crawford has announced the cast for Shakespeare's "The Tempest" to open March 3.

Becky Faulds has been chosen for the role of Alonso and Brad Henske will play Sebastian. Others in the cast are: Kathy Schlottach as Prospero, Sandra Camp as Antonio, Brant Buchinger as Ferdinand, Scott Carpenter as Gonzalo, Mike Willeford as Caliban, Scott Pierce as

Trinculo and John Cravey as Stephano.

Anja Laubhan will play the spirit Ariel with Lori Meadows as Iris. Karissa Morel as Ceres and Jill Meyer as June.

Reapers and spirits will be portrayed by Tim Davis, Louinia Ford and James Johnson.

Assistant directors for the play will be Anne Rye and Melanie Henske and Cassie Spraggins will direct choreography.

Crawford described "The Tempest" as Shakespeare's most literary play. In this, his last play, Shakespeare had reached the height of his maturity, Crawford said.

"The usual, dry Shakespeare is not here," Crawford said. Describing the opportunities for theatrics Crawford referred to the hurricane and spirits which have been dramatized. The elaborate, specific stage directions are a boon to this play, he said.



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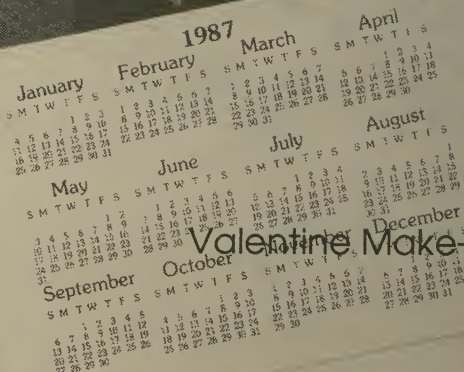
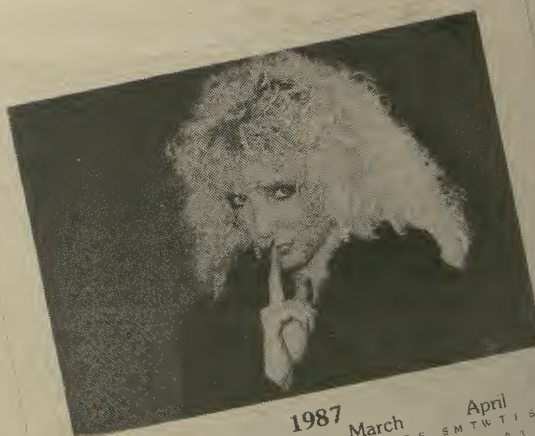
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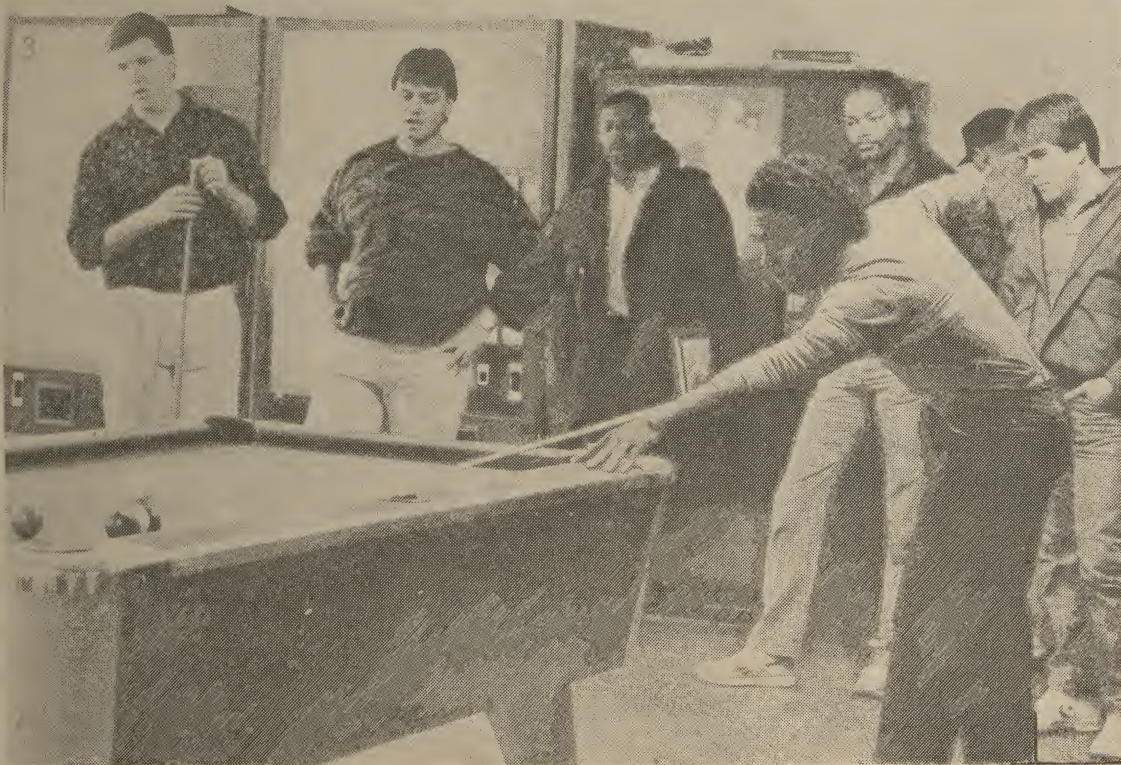


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SHARP SHOOTIN'--The Student Center offers pool tables, a snack bar and vending machines students a reprieve from their studies. Video games, tempt even those with the strongest wills.

Cheerleaders place in contest

The Cheerleaders recently were ranked 16th in the nation among Division II schools by the Universal Cheerleaders Association, said Student Activities Director Emma Lou Prater.

The Cheerleaders submitted for judging a videotape highlighting the squad performing cheers, chants and a fight song. The tape was submitted in early December in the Holiday Inn/Coca Cola College Cheerleading Championship. More than 200 squads participated in the

competition, directed by UCA.

"I'm very, very pleased with the performance," said Prater who is Cheerleader sponsor. "We were in a rush putting the tape together and the weakest part of our entry was probably the editing of the tape."

"The judges sent us a copy of the critique and their comments were very positive and helpful," Prater said. "Next year our goal is to finish in the top three teams."

Mississippi State University won first place, Slippery Rock University

was second and Jacksonville State University was third in the contest.

The Cheerleading squad consists of Blair Blackburn, Mark Hale, Holly Henry, Beverly Maynard, Michelle Smith, Brent Melton, Kathy Tharp, Kim Weaver, Tammie West, Peter Wright and Mascot Rodrigo Carrasco.

Tryouts for 1988-89 cheerleading squad will be April 22, 23 and 24. Applications may be picked up in the Student Activities Office, Prater said.

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Colleges recruit former Apaches

Players trained by Apache Basketball Coach Roy Thomas have been recruited by senior colleges in increasing numbers. Thomas is in his fifth year coaching the Apaches.

Former player Darryl Derryberry is at St. Mary's University in San Antonio and plans to go to law school.

Deon Alexander, who got cut in the last round in a Continental basketball league in Georgia, was to graduate in December with a business degree from North Texas State University.

Wilford Howray is successfully playing at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans.

J.D. Barnett earned a starting spot at small forward in Cincinnati at Xavier.

Seven Apaches went on to Division I schools in 1986-87.

Horace Taylor is playing basketball at Lamar University in Beaumont.

Willie Rhines and Fred Rike are playing at Sam Houston State

University in Huntsville.

Alvin Jefferson is playing at Northeast Louisiana State College in Monroe.

Troy Thaggart is at Southeastern Louisiana College in Hammond.

Donahue Kinsey plays at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and Ron Johnson plays at Texas Southern University in Houston.

"This is a good example that our program is improving each year. It is good to send out to high school kids that we are playing good ball," said Thomas.

"We should have three definitely going to Division I this year: David Benoit, Craig Sibley and Alonzo Stephens," Thomas said. "And it's a possibility that Robby Stevens and Ed Epps could continue at Division I."



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